

Oif, Leslie

From: Oif, Leslie
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Garvey, Mark
Subject: RE: seeking comment on PFAS regulation

I think it will be limited to imports. The group dispensed with question 1 by saying they will reference the David Ross statement.

From: Garvey, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:40 AM
To: Oif, Leslie <Oif.Leslie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: seeking comment on PFAS regulation

I called in for the first few minutes. About 10 minutes in Something happened where I got a strange voice mail full announcement so I hung up. It sounded like the press inquiry was limited to waste import issues.

Mark

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Press inquiry...

From: Buso, Roberto X
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Oif, Leslie <Oif.Leslie@epa.gov>; Coughlan, Laura <Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov>; Kreisler, Eva <Kreisler.Eva@epa.gov>

Cc: Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>
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Thanks. R4 Deputy Regional Counsel also intends to join.

From: Oif, Leslie
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:02 AM
To: Buso, Roberto X <Buso.Roberto@epa.gov>; Coughlan, Laura <Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov>; Kreisler, Eva <Kreisler.Eva@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>
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That will work. My call should end by then.

From: Buso, Roberto X
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Oif, Leslie <Oif.Leslie@epa.gov>; Coughlan, Laura <Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov>; Kreisler, Eva <Kreisler.Eva@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>
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I think this was actually scheduled for 11:30.... Anybody else from OCE we can tie in?

Basically, we are going to look at this to not provide any information we would not otherwise provide through the FOIA process, but also working with the third party comm policy – re: ongoing enforcement actions.... Attached here:

<http://intranet.epa.gov/oeca/oce/io/documents/thirdpartycomm-restrictions-032810.pdf>
<http://intranet.epa.gov/oeca/files/communications/communicatingoutsideparties.pdf>
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Please let us know your thoughts on this.

From: Oif, Leslie
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Coughlan, Laura <Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov>; Buso, Roberto X <Buso.Roberto@epa.gov>; Kreisler, Eva <Kreisler.Eva@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>
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I am available today except for 11-1.

Do you know which document is referenced in #4 in the press inquiry?

From: Coughlan, Laura

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:28 AM

To: Buso, Roberto X <Buso.Roberto@epa.gov>; Kreisler, Eva <Kreisler.Eva@epa.gov>; Oif, Leslie <Oif.Leslie@epa.gov>

Cc: Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: seeking comment on PFAS regulation

Thank you. Eva is out until Monday. But I can do a call today so long as it is not from 10-11 am or from 1-3 pm.

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From: Buso, Roberto X

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:25 AM

To: Kreisler, Eva <Kreisler.Eva@epa.gov>; Oif, Leslie <Oif.Leslie@epa.gov>

Cc: Coughlan, Laura <Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov>; Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: seeking comment on PFAS regulation

Hi – just want to make sure you are looped in on this media inquiry. Ernesta Jones forwarded this down from HQ.

This is apparently the 3rd of 4th media inquiry, but this is the most specific.

There may be a call this morning. I will loop you in on that.

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From: Newman, Alan

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:43 AM

To: Buso, Roberto X <Buso.Roberto@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: seeking comment on PFAS regulation

From: Jones, Aaryn

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:58 PM

To: Coughlan, Laura <Coughlan.Laura@epa.gov>

Cc: Newman, Alan <Newman.Alan@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: seeking comment on PFAS regulation

FYI- Laura, I didn't see you get copied below and Brandi accidentally left Alan off this one.

From: Jenkins, Brandi

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:41 PM

To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>

Cc: Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>; Harwood, Jackie <Harwood.Jackie@epa.gov>; Monell, Carol <Monell.Carol@epa.gov>; Hansen, Susan <Hansen.Susan@epa.gov>; Jones, Aaryn <Jones.Aaryn@epa.gov>

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Thanks Enesta. I'm looping in my program contacts.

Brandi

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2019, at 4:21 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Brandi,

I am adding the OLEM comms contacts.

On Jan 29, 2019, at 4:19 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

Enesta,

Is it possible to have a conference call on this with program and communications staff? We would like to talk through our response. Does this afternoon or early tomorrow morning work? Also, I plan to request an extension to the 9am deadline to make sure we have time to draft a good response.

Thanks,
Brandi

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2019, at 3:36 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Sharon, my colleague, Brandi Jenkins, will be in touch re questions 2-4.

On Jan 29, 2019, at 3:35 PM, Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com> wrote:

Hi Press team-

I'm writing a story about PFAS and have questions about both the GenX related waste coming from the Netherlands and the reports that EPA is not planning on regulating PFOA and PFOS.

1) Is it true that EPA is not planning to regulate PFOA and PFOS?

2) When and how did EPA learn about the GenX-related waste from the Chemours plant in Dordrecht?

3) What is the EPA doing to investigate the waste transport?

4) A NC DEQ document suggested that some at the state agency were concerned that Chemours was sending its waste to NC to circumvent restrictions on it in Europe. Can you please comment?

Thank you. Please get me your response by 9 am tomorrow.

Thanks,

Sharon

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